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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 11286-026]

City of Abbeville;

Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Application for Temporary Variance and Approval of Reservoir Drawdown Plan
- b. Project No.: 11286-026
- c. Date Filed: November 16, 2021, as supplemented on November 24 and December 2, 2021
- d. Applicant: City of Abbeville
- e. Name of Project: Abbeville Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the Rocky River in Abbeville and Anderson counties, South Carolina.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791a - 825r
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Tim Hall, Public Utilities Director, City of Abbeville, 306 Cambridge Street, P.O. Box 639, Abbeville, SC 29620; (864) 366-5058
- i. FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, (202) 502-6778, christopher.chaney@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202)

502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-11286-026. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, it must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. Description of Request: The City of Abbeville (licensee) requests approval to implement a temporary drawdown of the reservoir to an elevation of 528 feet mean sea level (msl). Under the licensee's proposal, the reservoir would be drawn down 12 feet below the seasonal minimum elevation of 540 feet msl allowed under Article 401 of the project's license. The licensee states the drawdown is necessary to conduct repairs on the penstock fill valve. As proposed in the December 2, 2021 supplement, the drawdown would begin on January 10, 2022, and the licensee would start refilling the reservoir on January 28, 2022. The licensee estimates the reservoir refill would take approximately 30 days. As required under Article 403 of the project's license, the licensee's request includes an associated Reservoir Drawdown Plan for Commission approval.

l. Locations of the Application: This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link.. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS”, “PROTEST”, or “MOTION TO INTERVENE” as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting, or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: December 2, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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